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PASS COMMERCE FOR COMMISSIONER GENERAL WELLES HENDERSON

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SUBJECT: SPOKANE EXPO '74.

1. IN SEPTEMBER 5 HOUSE OF COMMONS ORAL QUESTION PERIOD, SOCIAL CREDIT MEMBER FOR SHEFFORD, QUEBEC, GILBERT RONDEAU, PUT FOLLOWING QUESTION TO MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT: "SINCE THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER TO GO BACK ON THE DECISION TO ABSTAIN FROM TAKING PART IN EXPO 1974 ON ENVIRONMENT WHICH WILL BE HELD IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, DOES THE MINISTER INTEND TO HAVE THAT DECISION RECONSIDERED BY THE CABINET?" WILLIAM ROMPKEY, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, RESPONDED: "MR. SPEAKER, THE MINISTER IS CONSIDERING THIS MATTER AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND AS SOON AS THERE IS A CHANGE IN OUR POSITION I WILL BE GLAD TO INFORM THE HON. MEMBER."

2. WE HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT THIS OF MR. L.A.D. STEPHENS, WHO CONFIRMED THAT EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP, NOT ENVIRONMENT MINISTER DAVIS, IS TAKING A NEW LOOK AT GOC DECISION TO WITHDRAW ITS
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PARTICIPATION. STEPEHENS TOLD US, MOREOVER, THAT PATRICK REID,

WHO WAS COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR THE CANADIAN EXHIBIT AT OSAKA '70, IS DEPARTING FOR SPOKANE TONIGHT, AFTER TOUCHING BASE IN VANCOUVER AND VICTORIA, FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH EXPO '74 OFFICIALS, INCLUDING KING COLE.

3. STEPHENS SAID EXTAFF IS THINKING IN TERMS OF RESTORING HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR AN EXHIBIT, WITH THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ALSO PUTTING UP SOME MONEY. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PLANS ALSO TO APPROACH THE PROVINCES OF ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN, SAID STEPHENS.

4. STEPHENS CONCLUDED THAT WHILE THE SITUATION IS "INDETERMINATE", HE FELT RATHER "BULLISH" ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF THE GOC RETURNING TO THE FAIR, IN COMPANY WITH THE WESTERN PROVINCES. WHILE HE FELT IT PREMATURE TO PREDICT THIS WITH CONFIDENCE, HE BELIEVED "THE RUG WOULD NOT (REPEAT NOT) BE PULLED OUT FROM UNDER US AS FULLY AS HE HAD THOUGHT".

5. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT SHARP AND WIDESPREAD POLITICAL REACTIONS TO GOC DECISION TO PULL OUT OF SPOKANE, THE WILLINGNESS OF PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO PUT UP SOME MONEY, AND THE GOC'S UNDERESTIMATION OF STRENGTH OF FEELING ABOUT THIS DECISION IN WESTERN PROVINCES HAVE COMBINED TO CAUSE GOC TO RECONSIDER A SECOND TIME. INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY COMMISSIONER-GENERAL HENDERSON THAT MEXICO WILL BE REPRESENTED, WHICH WE CONVEYED TO EXTAFF, MAY HAVE ADDED SOME MORE WEIGHT TO CASE. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE COMBINED FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL EFFORT NOW BEING EXPLORED MAY PRODUCE A CANADIAN SHOWING OF SOME CREDITABLE PROPORTION OF ORIGINAL \$1.8 MILLION DISPLAY ENVISAGED.
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